

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: SHUM, SOCI, PINS, SF  
SUBJ: CROSSROADS: HUNDREDS ARRESTED IN NIGHT RAID

REF: CAPE TOWN 1421 AND PREVIOUS

1. SEVERAL HUNDRED UNIFORMED AND PLAIN CLOTHED POLICE  
RAIDED THE CROSSROADS SQUATTER CAMP OUTSIDE CAPE TOWN  
SHORTLY BEFORE MIDNIGHT TODAY. WHEN THE RAID ENDED  
AT DAWN, APPROXIMATELY FIVE HUNDRED MEN AND WOMEN HAD  
BEEN ARRESTED FOR BEING IN WESTERN CAPE ILLEGALLY.

2. THROUGHOUT THE DAY THE ARRESTED MEN AND WOMEN,  
LARGELY FROM THE TRANSKEI, HAVE BEEN PARADED INTO  
COURT, WHERE THEY'VE BEEN FINED AND "ENDORSED" OUT OF THE  
AREA. BLACK SASH IS IN SOME CASES ASSISTING WITH LEGAL  
REPRESENTATION, WHILE SOCIAL WORKERS ARE HELPING WITH  
CHILDREN, REPORTEDLY LEFT BEHIND WHEN THEIR PARENTS  
WERE ARRESTED.

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3. WHILE NUMBER REPORTEDLY ARRESTED IS UNUSUALLY LARGE,  
IT REPRESENTS ONLY SMALL FRACTION OF "ILLEGALS" RESIDENT  
CROSSROADS. MAIN PURPOSE OF THE RAID, JUDGING FROM LARGE  
NUMBERS OF POLICE AND METHODS USED (KICKING IN DOORS,  
CONFISCATING OF KNIVES, AXES, AND SCISSORS) SEEMS TO HAVE  
BEEN INTIMIDATION. TOGETHER WITH EARLIER SERVING OF  
NOTICES ON CAMP'S LEGAL RESIDENTS, THIS RAID CONSTITUTES

MAJOR ESCALATION OF SAG PRESSURE TO ERADICATE CROSSROADS.  
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